



Call for Papers

57th GEWISOLA Annual Conference and 27th ÖGA Annual Conference, September 13–15, 2017 Technical University of Munich (TUM)

The 57th Annual Conference of the German Society of Economic and Social Sciences in Agriculture (GEWISOLA) will take place together with the 27th Annual Conference of the Austrian Society of Economics (ÖGA) at the Technical University of Munich in Freising-Weihenstephan, Germany, September, 13-15, 2017.

The conference theme is:

Bridging the Gap between Resource Efficiency and Society's Expectations in the Agricultural and Food Economy.

The Organizing Committee invites contributors to present papers on this theme at the conference. We also invite you to contribute by giving a poster presentation. Contributions from the economic and social sciences of agriculture as well as from related disciplines are eligible for submission.

In addition, contributed papers or posters may address topics beyond the boundaries of the conference theme provided they contribute to the current state of knowledge in the economic and social sciences of agriculture. Theory-oriented work and empirical analysis based on quantitative and qualitative methods are equally welcome.

The organizing committee also invites proposals from delegates for self-organized sessions to discuss relevant policy questions related to the conference theme and for pre-conference activities addressing a wider range of topics relevant for the agricultural economics profession.

Deadlines

- Submission of proposals for self-organized sessions / pre-conference activities: **January 30, 2017** (acceptance notification: February 27, 2017)
- Submission of contributed papers: **February 13, 2017** (acceptance notification: May 31, 2017)
- Submission of poster outlines: **April 3, 2017** (acceptance notification: June 28, 2017)
- Submission of revised papers for publication on Conftool and on AgEconSearch: **August 16, 2017**
- Final submission of papers and poster summaries for publication in the combined conference proceedings: **November 6, 2017**

Conference theme

The conference theme covers the entrepreneurial and technology intensive agricultural and food economy in view of global and social developments. Major challenges include resource-use efficiency with regards to sustainable and secure commodity and food production, and social standards in the areas of animal welfare, environment, food quality, and food origin.

From the current discussion, the following core questions arise for the conference:

- To what extent can production, marketing, and competition achieve the most favourable results?
- What alternatives are available related for decentralised approaches?
- What level of regulation and control is necessary in the short and long term, and on what political level, in order to meet the desired economic, social, and ecological standards?
- Can production and service innovations ensure value-adding in the agricultural sector?

In this context, motivations for contributions should come from the following fields:

- Resource efficiency and sustainability in the value chain from production to consumption
- Risk management and adaption due to market and environmental conditions
- Environmental impacts and a focus on specific natural resources (water, soil, biodiversity, etc.)
- Bio-economy as a possible development strategy
- Animal welfare, food production and technical change – approaches from cultural and ethical viewpoints
- New forms of cooperation between civil society and the food economy
- Structural change and the development of the rural landscape
- Innovations – status quo and prospects

Contributions may also address other topics, e.g. related to a social-scientific focus, with regards to methodological developments, and trends in agricultural and resource economics, or in view of the current overall concept discussion on agricultural policy.

Instructions for contributors

Contributed papers and presentations

The contributed papers must be completed work, not exceeding 12 pages and may be written in German or English. Formatting guidelines and a template are available on the conference website www.gewisola2017.tum.de. Papers must be submitted by **February 13, 2017** as a **PDF file** via the conference website. The number of accepted papers is restricted to one presentation per contributor. For papers with multiple authors, the presenter must be indicated when the paper is submitted.

Two reviewers will review the papers anonymously. The following criteria are applied for evaluation: relevance and originality of the topic, quality of the methodological approach and clarity. Positively evaluated contributions will be presented in thematic sessions and may be published in the combined conference proceedings after final revision and considering the reviewers' comments.

Self-organized sessions

The self-organized sessions will discuss topical issues in the area of economics and social science in agriculture with representatives from politics, industry, and society. The time allocation per session is 90 minutes. The proposals for these self-organized sessions should comprise up to 4 pages written in German or English, explaining the topic and the format of the session: concept, timing, contributions and speakers and/or participants. We explicitly invite proposals for sessions enhancing discussions involving science, policy, and industry. The proposals must be submitted by **January 30, 2017** as a **PDF file** via the conference website www.gewisola2017.tum.de. The Organizing Committee and the GEWISOLA and ÖGA Executive Boards will decide which of the submitted proposals will be accepted.

Poster contributions

Proposals for poster contributions should describe the research problem, methodology, and results on a max. of 2 pages in German or English. The submitted proposals will be reviewed. The format to be used can be found on the conference website. The papers must be submitted by **April 3, 2017** as a **PDF file** via the conference website www.gewisola2017.tum.de. Posters that are accepted must be formatted according to the poster guidelines provided on the conference website. Posters will be grouped according to themes and presented in parallel sessions (max. 10 minutes per poster presentation including the discussion). A two-page summary of the accepted and presented posters will be published in the combined conference proceedings.

Pre-conference activities

Pre-conference activities may be organized for the morning of September 13, 2017. Such activities should comprise workshops, meetings or discussion groups on self-selected topics. Proposals of max. 2 pages in German or English should describe the topic, structure, speakers, and participants. The proposals must be submitted by **January 30, 2017** as a **PDF file** via the conference website www.gewisola2017.tum.de. The Organizing Committee and the GEWISOLA and ÖGA Executive Boards will decide which of the submitted proposals will be accepted.

Information and conference desk

Further information regarding the Annual Conference and about submissions of contributions can be found on the conference website www.gewisola2017.tum.de. You may also contact the conference desk:

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